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Report of investigation of
the Educational and Sanitary
Condition of the Indians at
Training School - Carlisle Barracks
Pa. Made in conformity to
Office instructions of March 30th
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Hon. R. E. Frootbridge

Commr. of Indian Affairs

Sir

I have the honor to report, that in compliance with Official Order of March 30th, I proceeded to visit the Indian Training School at Carlisle Barrack Pa. and made a thorough inspection of the buildings, Appliances & the children. The sanitary condition of the former is good with the exception of some of the old brick drains which are defective, & I would suggest the substitution of terra cotta pipes. as they are less expensive than brick, & less liable to require repairing. I found the Hospital well furnished with every thing needful, except that there is an absence of warm water, which could be furnished with a small outlay from

the kitchen. This building is under the careful
 supervision of Sister Julia an educated & Expert
 Nurse. I found but one patient, and that
 was a case of Phthisis Pulminalis. which will
 probably prove fatal in a short time & I would
 then suggest, that a more thorough physical
 Examination be made of all children brought
 to this school before leaving their residences,
 as their race is prolific of diseases of a Constitutional
 Character, Transmitted through generations of
 depraved humanity - There are four children
 that I would also suggest, should be returned
 to their homes, as they will probably always be
 loathsome objects, and never be restored to a
 Normal Condition. The disease is Scrofula
 of a disgusting type. In making this suggestion,
 I take it for granted, that this Institution is not
 a Hospital, but a school for healthy children,
 subject of course to the contingency of diseases

incident to Childhood & Climatic Causes,
 and the pupils should all have a healthy or-
 ganization - But two deaths have occurred
 since the opening of the School in September last,
 the first from Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis, the other
 was sudden, and a post mortem Examination
 proved it to have been from organic disease of
 the heart - This Exhibit is very favourable taking
 into consideration the antecedents of the Subjects.
 Thus far the administration of the Physician Dr. Bluden
 has I believe been satisfactory. My inspection of
 the dormitories, was very satisfactory. They were clean
 and in perfect order, beds comfortable and rooms
 well ventilated and not crowded, giving evidence
 of the carefulness & kindness of the Matron.
 The Laundry exhibited the same neatness and
 care - The school rooms were visited, and I spent
 a brief time in hearing the recitations, & was
 favourably impressed by the interest manifested

by most of the children - The teachers seemed to
 be zealous, competent & good disciplinarians.
 The dining room presented the same appearance
 of order & comfort for the children as
 did the other departments of the School. The
 food was wholesome & abundant, and was eaten
 with evident relish. Knives & forks were used, by
 some gracefully, and by others not so much so, but
 it gave evidence of progression. Their behavior at
 table would compare favourably with the same
^{manners} of white children taken from the inferior ranks
 of life, as seen in most of the charitable institu-
 tions - They are all well clad, & look as though
 their persons were clean. One peculiarity of these
 children I noted, and that was, when leaving
 school or their meals they divided into cliques,
 and on enquiry I found the reason to be, that the
 parties of different tribes only associated with those
 of the same language. This impressed me with

The idea, that no stronger inducement could be offered the children to learn the English language, than the acquisition one, by which they could communicate with each other =

In conclusion I have to say, that it would be impossible for the most captious to make any suggestions when everything is so satisfactory, and it would also be difficult to find an aggregation of the same number of children of any other race, whose sanitary condition would compare with that of these children, especially, attended as it has been, with such a radical change of habits & association & the most creditable friends of the race, could not be otherwise than enthusiastic, when witnessing the contented, happy words of the natives in their new home - This condition can be attributed to a large extent, to the watchful guardianship of the Principal & his able staff of assistants,

who, without an exception, seem to be energetic, enthusiastic & capable, and the corollary of this is, that the policy of Capt. Pratt has proved an absolute success, and suggests the occupation of similar abandoned U. S. military posts for schools for the Indian children, & the next generation will solve the problem of, what should be done with the Indians.

Yours very respectfully

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